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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. Claims 6 and 19 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Therefore, claims 6-8, 19, 20, 31-33 and 37-39 are presented for examination.

Response to Examiner's Arguments

Applicants recognize the Examiner's careful examination of this application and thank the Examiner in this regard. Applicants respectfully maintain that the currently pending claims are not anticipated by Saito (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,772) under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and are further not made obvious by Saito under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants, however, have made claim amendments in accordance with some of the Examiner's suggestions.

In response to Examiner's suggestion that Applicants may amend the claims to recite that the keys are also stored in encrypted form on a storage medium, Applicants have amended the claims to recite "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer".

Applicants submit that Saito does not teach, disclose, or make obvious this limitation. In Saito, the *encrypted* title key is not stored on a storage medium from which the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer. Instead, "the encrypted secret-keys Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1 are distributed to the first user" (column 7, lines 1-2), where the "first user decrypts the distributed secret-keys

Cks1kb1 and Cks2kb1" (column 7, lines 3-4), and the "decrypted secret-keys are stored" (column 7, line 12).

Saito, in fact, teaches away from storing the secret-keys in this manner since "there may be the possibility of improper use of the secret-keys if the management of the secret-keys is made by the user" (column 7, lines 14-16). In Saito, therefore, the secret-keys "are automatically stored in IC card, PCMCIA card, insert board or software *which are not under the user's control*" (emphasis added, column 7, lines 17-18). Furthermore, the secret-keys that are stored are *decrypted* secret keys, not *encrypted* secret keys.

Saito, therefore, does not teach, disclose, or otherwise make obvious "storing the encrypted content and the encrypted title key on the storage medium, from which the encrypted content and the encrypted title key may be accessed by the customer".

In response to Examiner's suggestion that Applicants may amend the claims to recite "a same storage medium" (or language of a similar nature), Applicants submit that the claim in its presently unamended form already require that the encrypted content, customer I.D., media key block, and encrypted title key be accessed from the same storage medium. This is necessarily implied by "a storage medium" being the antecedent basis for "*the* storage medium" as reproduced in the following claim:

"access from *a storage medium* content encrypted with a title key, *the*

storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D. associated with a customer requesting the content, a Media Key block (MKB), and the title key that is encrypted (encrypted title key) with a customer I.D.”

In other words, content encrypted with a title key is accessed from “a storage medium”, where the storage medium (referring to the first instance of the storage medium) additionally stores a customer I.D., media key block, and encrypted title key. This information is all stored on the same medium.

As argued previously, Saito does not disclose that a single storage medium stores content, a customer I.D., a media key block, and encrypted title key, and further does not disclose that these are all accessed from the storage medium. Therefore, Applicants maintain that Saito does not teach, disclose, or otherwise make obvious: “accessing from a storage medium content encrypted with a title key, the storage medium additionally storing a customer I.D. associated with a customer requesting the content, a Media Key block (MKB), and the title key that is encrypted (encrypted title key) with a customer I.D.”.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are not unpatentable over Saito, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejections.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to initiate an interview with the undersigned

by calling 949-498-0601 if the Examiner believes that such an interview will advance prosecution of this application.

Request for an Extension of Time

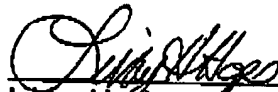
Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 to cover any necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Respectfully submitted,

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